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Attorney Docket No. 43379

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Title WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND PRODUCTION PROCESS
THEREFOR, AND WATER-ABSORBENT STRUCTURE

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For: **WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR,
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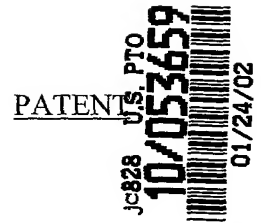
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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119, Applicants hereby claim foreign priority
benefits from Japanese Application No. 2001-017902, filed January 26, 2001, and Japanese
Application No. 2001-176945, filed June 12, 2001.

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